



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

*New Jersey Department of
Environmental Protection,
Camden, NJ*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection was selected to receive an assessment grant. The department plans to use the grant to assess a 90-acre landfill located at the confluence of the Cooper and Delaware Rivers in the City of Camden, New Jersey. Camden (population 79,904) shares a federal Empowerment Zone designation with the City of Philadelphia, which is located just across the Delaware River from this west central New Jersey city. Over the past 50 years, the population and economy of the city have steadily declined as a result of rapid suburbanization and the decline of the manufacturing sector. Approximately a third of the residents of the Cramer Hill Neighborhood surrounding the landfill live in poverty and 38 percent are



Assessment Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for a brownfields assessment grant. The department intends to use grant funds for assessment of a municipally owned landfill in the Cramer Hill Neighborhood of the City of Camden. Grant funds will also be used for community involvement and outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has not received funding for brownfields grants. The City of Camden has received brownfields funding for an assessment grant.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

under the age of 18. The Hispanic population in Cramer Hill grew by about 20 percent over the last decade and now represents about 65 percent of neighborhood residents. The assessment and cleanup of the landfill will enable the community to reclaim and revitalize Camden's blighted waterfront by transforming a potentially contaminated landfill into a neighborhood park complete with nature trails, picnic areas, and ball fields. The park will help attract residents, businesses, and economic activity to the area.